

# Advice request by NWW MS

Horizontal working group on the Landing  
Obligation

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## **1. Phasing; 2017,2018**

- Send reply before deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015
- New proposal by MS group on Inter-Species Flexibility and phasing

# Phasing: New proposal by MS group

Options 2017-2018	Pros	Cons	Example
<p><b>1) Extend LO application for species which were already concerned by LO in 2016, in some fisheries</b> by reducing/removing thresholds or mesh size or to add new fishing gear...</p>	<p>Enable a progression towards a “total” LO for species and fisheries considered</p> <p>Enable to apply LO to vessels not yet concerned</p>	<p>Less progressive than outlined in art. 15, risk’s stakeholder criticism</p> <p>Complex array of rules especially if exemptions are awarded</p> <p>A number of vessels are concerned by several species with other vessels subjected to no LO rules. This situation could be exacerbated</p> <p>Complex discussion between MS, case by case like in 2016</p>	<p>Reducing/removing thresholds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whiting in English Channel &amp; Celtic Sea</li> <li>- N. lobster &amp; hake in Celtic Sea</li> <li>- Haddock in West of Scotland &amp; Irish Sea</li> <li>- Sole in English Channel &amp; Celtic Sea</li> </ul>

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Options 2017-2018	Pros	Cons	Example
<p><b>2) Extend LO to one or several species under quota not concerned in 2016</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For target species and fisheries concerned, in a first phase (2017?)</li> <li>- For others species and fisheries, in a first phase (2018?)</li> </ul>	<p>Enable to progress a “total” LO in a realistic way, in including new species by 2019</p> <p>Extend the application to vessels not-yet-concerned by the LO</p> <p>Addresses industry concerns by avoiding a ‘big bang’ in 2019 by the gradual introduction of additional species</p>	<p>Complex array of rules especially if exemptions are awarded</p> <p>Might be necessary to introduce new thresholds for new species introduced</p>	<p>Species that could be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anglerfish, megrim, pollack</li> <li>- Deep sea species</li> <li>- Cod, saithe and plaice (only species listed in CFP, not yet concerned in 2016)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>3) Extend LO to métiers which were not concerned in 2016</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Métiers not concerned by one LO in 2016 would be concerned gradually by 2019</li> <li>- A total extension would lead to a species approach (for some areas)</li> </ul>	<p>Extends the application to vessels not yet concerned by the LO</p> <p>Enable to progress towards a “total” LO for all fisheries</p>	<p>Could be difficult to adopt because differences between MS in terms of species and fisheries</p> <p>Complex array of rules especially if exemptions are awarded</p>	<p>Fishing gear that could be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All nets targeting non quota species</li> <li>- Dredge</li> </ul>

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2. ***De minimis***; for new LO species in 2017
3. **High survivability**; specific cases for exemption
4. **Documentation of catches**; cases where documentation is hampered

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- 5. Minimum conservation reference sizes;** adjustment, removal or introduction
- 6. Choke species;** which species will choke first; possible solutions
- 7. Technical measures;** aim to increase selectivity and reduce unwanted catches

# Thank you



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